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Your reference

Our reference  
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Dear Mr Baron

Ref: Captain Arnold Spencer LEESE - Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the above named.

We have located the relevant military service documents, but unfortunately it holds an extremely meagre amount of information.

It was customary during the inter-war period and particularly during the 1930s to 'weed' officers personal files and extract from them documents not considered necessary for retention.

This was instigated mainly to save storage space due to the large numbers of files and documents held. Over the passage of time and because of numerous weeds many files were destroyed or very depleted, as in this case.

However the following information has been gleaned from the record:

Born at Lytham, Lancashire 16.11.1878	
Served as a Veterinary Officer (Camel Specialist) for Government of East Africa Protectorate	
Granted temporary rank of Captain whilst serving in East Africa	
Appointed to a temporary commission as Lieutenant, the Army Veterinary Corps	11.01.15
Promoted Captain	15.09.15
Released	20.03.19
Relinquished his commission on completion of service	20.03.19

Sentenced to six months imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court by Mr Justice Greaves-Lord on the 21 September 1936.

Found guilty of:

- 1) Conspiring with Walter Whitehead and others to print and publish scandalous and libellous statements concerning his majesty's subjects of the Jewish faith.
- 2) Effecting a public mischief. The offence for which he was found guilty and sentenced arose through the printing in "The Fascist", the news journal of a body called the Imperial Fascist League, of attacks on the Jews.



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You are advised that military service documents are of a purely administrative nature and do not therefore contain detailed information regarding the exact locations and movements of individual servicemen or units.

Information of this nature may be available from the Commanders War Diaries which are held by the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU.

It must be noted that as the Public Record Office does not carry out searches on behalf of the public it is necessary to visit in person. If visiting Kew for the first time you must take with you some proof of identity eg. a driving licence or banker's card. If you are not a citizen of the UK or Eire you will be required to show your passport. If you are unable to visit in person, or arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, you can employ an independent researcher. Details of these may be obtained from the Search Department at Kew.

Information of the regiment itself may be held by the Imperial War Museum at Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ. If you wish to view a particular regimental history an appointment is necessary and should be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Appointments can be made by telephoning 0171 416 5342.

Some regimental histories have been published and may either be held by your local library or obtained through their inter-library loan scheme.

Yours sincerely

  
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for Departmental Record Officer

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